

Message from Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

While living on Kauai for 21 years, we planted various flowers, vegetables and trees for both enjoyment and thinking about benefits for the future. For example, as we wanted to keep offering flowers, we propagated anthuriums, orchids, ginger and of course water lilies. Also, we enjoyed growing some veggies and papaya. But one of my very favorites was Plumeria. We planted plumeria trees after our first child was born back in 2002. We wanted this fragrant flower because we wanted to make leis for our guests any time and many times.



Trees grew so well and several years later, trees started producing enough flowers for making lei. We were able to please our guests as we intended. Before leaving Kauai, we realized the length of time we spent on Kauai can be seen by looking at the big plumeria trees. Then, we noticed there was an electric cable above the trees.

Though the tree didn't reach the height of the cable yet, in a few years, it seemed obvious branches and leaves of the trees would be an obstacle for the cable. As they continue to grow bigger, we would need to keep trimming the trees. We had to admit it was lack of our imagination that before planting trees, we never imagined they would grow so big and didn't check the electric cable above it.

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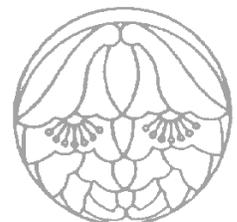
Update re O-Bon Service videos: Jodo Mission of Hawaii O-Bon Services were live streamed with the same Zoom link. To view the videos of the various services, please check [jodo.us website](http://jodo.us) for the specific YouTube link, which Bishop Ishikawa is putting together. Thank you for your cooperation and patience.



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This reminded me of a Chinese saying about the significance of planning according to the time span.

There should be a good plan according to the time length. Planting the plumeria trees at the location was absolutely good for 10 to 20 years of time span as they produced many flowers but not so good for many more years. If we could think about longer time span, there should be another better place to plant trees.

Interestingly, a Hindu temple on Kauai started constructing the stone temple back in 1990s and construction is still going on. I learned that they were not seeing 100 years but many more years of future as they wish to build a temple which could last 1000 years. It is hard to foresee many years but we need to think about the future ahead of us. Just like the best plan for 100 years is to educate people. I believe to continue to teach and practice Nenbutsu can be the best we can do for the future. At the same time, I'd like to establish the local assistant minister's program to recruit assistant ministers from here for thinking about the longer future. By having local ministers, it is my belief that we could naturally develop a better ministry for local young people in the future.

Gassho,

Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

Note: Anyone interested in the assistant ministers program, please let Bishop Ishikawa know your interests.

Bishop's Family Moved to Betsuin



When coming to the temple or temple property, you might see Mrs. Yayoi Ishikawa, Hugh and Sally Ishikawa. They have lived a long time on Kauai and for the first time they are all away from Kauai. Please say hello when you see them. Hugh will be a sophomore at the University of Hawaii at Manoa majoring in mechanical engineering. Sally is attending Roosevelt High School as a new freshman. They are getting used to life on Oahu and meeting our temple members. During O-Bon, they have been helpful in filming of the videos which Bishop Ishikawa is putting together for everyone to view later.

Bishop Ishikawa may be going back and forth to Kauai as there are two other temples there needing his help. He came to Oahu in August specifically for

the O-Bon Services at Betsuin. He with the assistance of Rev. Koji Ezaki of Haleiwa Jodo Mission (who has helped Betsuin for the past 26 years at O-Bon time) and resident minister Rev. Myoko Takano performed O-Bon services during the three days of O-Bon—August 20-22.

Otoba Set Up and Temple Cleaning



Thank you to the many who came to help put the Otobas in their correct positions, polished metal candle holders, cleaned 3 Nokotsudo or Columbarium rooms and thank you to Linda, Caroll and Robb of the Sogetsu group who brought pine and bamboo for the Segakidan and Shoryodana. Our new restored Buddha statue watched as everyone worked together in setting the tables in the social hall and securing the bases to the tables. Later watched as each Otoba was placed into its proper slot to make the best for this 2021 O-Bon year. It has been a year since the bases were secured to the tables and it took a few minds together to make sure the bases were secured.



Some of the shiny metal candle holders can be seen on the Segakidan below and with the Buddha statue above. Apologies that photos were not taken of the many hard working people who sifted senko ashes in the Nokotsudo and polished metal pieces in the altar.



The Otobas were beautifully set up in the social hall having the large Otoba and the restored Buddha statue be in direct line. Thank you. Thank you.

Something of interest: Left photo is of *Segakidan* at top of stairs in the temple. During the O-Bon Service, the officiant minister goes to the Segakidan and offers wonderful foods to the hungry spirits. In the social hall the *Shoryodana* welcomes all our ancestor spirits during O-Bon. Thank you Yukari-san for preparing the many meals for the hungry spirits in temple and our visiting ancestors in the social hall. This year Yayoi-san helped Yukari-san with the flowers for the Segakidan and Shoryodana. Thank you, Thank you!



Clifford Miyamoto came to help pull weeds near Honen statue

It is with everyone's help that we are able to do this each year and it is especially true this year as the Covid numbers are rising so much. **Please everyone take care of yourself and your loved ones!**

AUTUMN O-Higan Chutoba Form (彼岸会中塔婆申し込み用紙)

Your Name(お名前) : _____ Phone (電話) : _____

Name of Deceased (亡くなった方のお名前) :

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

**Virtual Higan Service
September 12 at 10 a.m.**

No Attendees

Zoom link will be on website
www.jodo.us

One Chutoba is \$7 X Total of Chutoba _____ = Total \$ _____
(中塔婆1本7ドル) (本数) (合計)

**Please make checks payable to “Jodo Mission of Hawaii”. DEADLINE: Wed, Sept 8, 2021
Membership dues (Gojiai)(\$60) may also be included with your payment. Thank you.**

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Order accepted by _____ Date accepted _____ / _____ /2021 (In person/ Mail / By phone)

Received by _____ Date paid: _____ / _____ /2021 (Cash / Check # _____) Write _____

O-HIGAN SERVICE

The word “Higan” literally means “the other shore” in Japanese. One shore represents the world we are in, and the other shore “Higan” represents Amida Buddha’s Pure Land. The river represents the bad mind we all possess. The concept is that we practice the teaching to reach the other shore across the river.

We have two Higan seasons in a year. One in spring, the other in autumn, as Higan is held during the week of the spring and autumn equinox. Shan Tao, one of the highest ranking priests of Jodo Buddhism in China said that the sun sets due west during the equinox thus it is a good opportunity to think about Buddha’s Pure Land which exists far away in the west, as well as appreciate our ancestors who are also there.

Please join us for our Virtual Higan service and think about Amida Buddha’s Pure Land and our ancestors. Our **Virtual** Higan Service (no attendees) will be held:

Sunday, September 12 at 10:00 am

Chutoba prayers will be conducted during this service. If you would like a Chutoba prayer for your ancestors, please fill out the form on this page and send it or drop it off at the Jodo Mission office **by Wednesday, September 8th. Thank you.**

What is a “Chutoba”? Chutoba is a paper-thin rectangular piece of wood approximately 3” wide by 15” tall. The top 5” are cut on each side so that one can easily identify the shape of a pagoda. “Chu” means middle-size in Japanese. “Toba” means Pagoda. Chutoba means middle-size pagoda. A Pagoda indicates a memorial tower for Shakyamuni Buddha in Buddhism. People buried Buddha’s ashes and his belongings under the pagoda after Shakyamuni Buddha passed away.

Because one of the sutra tells of the significance of worship for a Pagoda, many different forms of it were built in China, Japan and other countries. In earlier times, people began putting their ancestors’ names on the toba and having prayers for their ancestors.



Otoba Photos: For those who requested a photo copy of their Otoba, copies of the Otoba(s) were either emailed or mailed and received before the 3 days of O-Bon services. This was the idea of **Christine Inouye**. She felt that it is so sad that no one was allowed in the social hall but if people requested a photo she will try to take a photo with some flowers. She worked very hard and with the help of Rev. Takano put each Otoba in front of the Buddha and the Shoryodana and took a photo. The Shoryodana is the shelf platform in the social hall with flowers and food items to welcome your ancestor spirits to this world for O-Bon. Many people forgot they ordered a photo and were very much surprised and appreciative to receive the photos from Jodo Mission. **Thank you Christine!**



Hawaii Jodo Shu Rengo: Fujinkai Scholarship Award

On behalf of President Iris Nitta of the Hawaii Jodo Shu Rengo Fujinkai, Sally Hayashi of the Honolulu Jodo Shu Fujinkai presented the two 2021 Namiye Nakamura Scholarship awards to **A'Marie M.S. Paraso and Kody M. Kikuno**.



They both were recent graduates of Moanalua High School and both were involved with the musical program at Moanalua High School.

A'Marie is the daughter of Ethan and Hitomi Paraso and plans to attend the University of Hawaii at Manoa majoring in Chemistry. She is interested in the medical field, specifically to become a Pharmacist.

Kody is the son of Barry and Wendy Kikuno and plans to attend Purdue University. He plans to major in Mechanical Engineering.

Congratulations to A'Marie and Kody and we wish you both the best of your endeavors!



2020 Keiro members & Sunday School member

Keiro Kai and Grandparents' Day

Due to COVID-19, Sunday School and Intermediate YBA will not be doing the Keiro Kai and Grandparents' Day this year (Sept 12).

In 2020, Jodo Mission of Hawaii continued to have in-person Sunday Services and the number of persons attending were about 6 to 8 people. The three Keiro Kai members present were Clifford Miyamoto, Akiko Nishiyama and Clyde Kawamoto.

However, you may honor your grandparents by giving them a call—face time would be great or Skype or Zoom or send them a nice note to say thinking of you. They will always remember that you are thinking of them. If you do not want to write, just do a cute drawing—thinking of you.

What is “Perpetual Memorial Service?” (Eitaikyo)

This record of a perpetual memorial service and is called *Eitaikyo* in Japanese. When the date of death occurs for a person listed on this record, the ministers pray for that individual during the morning service. The prayers will continue each year for as long as Jodo Mission exists.

Anyone can be included in it. You may put your own name on the list, too. This also helps when it is difficult to have memorial services. We also welcome you to attend the morning service at **9:30am**. (Note time change due to Covid-19, please call temple if you plan to attend.)

How to apply

Stop by the office, and fill out the application form. Each name costs \$200. After the application is accepted, the name will be listed on the record.

Notice to Nokotsudo Visitors

(Sometimes referred to as the **Niche** rooms)

Many people call to see if the Nokotsudo/ Columbarium (or sometimes known as Niche rooms) are open. We have been letting people in if you come and ring the blue bell. **You must wear a mask, use the hand sanitizer going in and coming out and go home and wash your hands with soap.** No more than 4 people at a time, with social distancing.

New Hours: 10 am to 5 pm Mon to Sat
12 pm to 3 pm Sunday*
10 am to 3 pm Holidays

*Sundays no one in office since we have Sunday Service



Bishop Kosen Ishikawa



Rev. Myoko Takano
Resident Minister

2021 Memorial Years Observed	
1 st year	2020
3 rd year	2019
7 th year	2015
13 th year	2009
17 th year	2005
23 rd year	1999
25 th year	1997
27 th year	1995
33 rd year	1989
37 th year	1985
43 rd year	1979
47 th year	1975
50 th year	1972
100 th year	1922

Email Monthly Bulletin—Please advise if you wish to have your monthly bulletin via email instead of U.S. mail. **Please also keep Jodo Mission advised of your current address & phone number.**

Mail forwarded adds additional costs. Thank you for your cooperation.

REMINDERS

Gojikai or Membership—\$60.00 per year

Persons of the same family but living separately should have their own membership

Niche owners should continue their Membership or Gojikai each year \$60.00

AND

Maintenance fee \$5.00 per year per niche

お知らせ

1年間における護持会費、又はメンバーシップは60ドルになります。同世帯の家族。世帯が別の場合は個々にメンバーシップが必要です。

納骨堂を所有の方は別途、5ドルの年間管理費をお納めください

Jodo Mission Office Hours:

[New Covid Hours]

Monday to Saturday 10am–5pm
Sunday & Holidays 10am–3pm

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EITAIKYO (Perpetual Memorial Service) for September

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| <p>1. Seijiro Mitsuyasu
The Mitsuyasu Family
Takao Nishimura
The Nishimura Family
Kamado Gushikuma
Mary Fujie Takimoto
Nathaniel Hiromasa Shindo</p> <p>2. Kiku Sugimoto
The Sugimoto & Samoto Family
Yutaro Karamatsu
The Karamatsu Family
Kiku Kusunoki
The Kusunoki Family
Minbunosuke Sakuda
Albert Shigetoshi Wachi</p> <p>3. Eikichi Nakamoto
The Okamoto & Nakamoto Family
Reverend Hoyu Ohta
The Ohta Family
Katsume Kuniyuki
Tetsuji Tamura</p> <p>4. Shizuko Morita
Helen Kikuno Mitsutani
Bert Nobuo Yoshida
Eisuke Tamura
Hoichi Ogawa</p> <p>5. Kikuyo Iwamoto Kam Siu
Shigeki Hayashi
Yuriko Naito</p> <p>6. Toramatsu Yamamoto
Kamekichi Shigeoka
Suteno Yoshida
Masaichi Toishigawa
Kichigoro Ikeda
Yukimi Okada</p> <p>7. Nobuo Hara (2)
Ryogen Matayoshi</p> <p>8. Suke Muranaka
The Muranaka Family
Azuma Tojo
The Tojo Family
Toshiko Judy Maeda
Yanagihara</p> <p>9. Mitsue Shigeoka
Shunsuke Ogi
The Ogi Family
Shigeru Takeda
Yone Wakayama Umeda
Masako Koyama</p> <p>10. Ritsu Inada (2)
The Inada Family (2)
The Morimoto Family
Tsune Kuniyuki
Shimo Hashimoto
Sana Tamura
Yukie Sakauye</p> <p>11. Yorizo Yamane
The Yamane & Harada Family</p> | <p>Ikuzo Kuniyuki
Nobuo Tsuda
Mike Shigeo Hara</p> <p>12. Junji Sano
The Nishimoto Family
Sada Hayashi
The Hayashi Family
Masao Fukuzawa
Tsuneyasu Tamanaha
Ann Umeyo Ohta
Taeko Stella Uehara
Shikazo Hayashi
Minoru Muraoka</p> <p>13. Yoshigoro Takata
The Takata Family
Kumayo Nomura
The Nomura Family
Robert Yoshio Kawakami
Yasuichi Moritsugu
The Henry Tsuruhisa Hijii Family
Tatsui Oshita</p> <p>14. Matsu Ohta
Kikuzuchi Takaoka
Toshio Mitani
Frances Yano
Shizuko Uyehara</p> <p>15. Umeyo Nishimura
The Nishimura Family
Ishi Yagi
The Yagi & Okada Family
Takeji Kobara
Masaji Kawasugi
Shizue Masuda
Stanley Yuji Yokoyama
Ayako Nakata
James Hajime Koike</p> <p>16. Shigenori Uesugi</p> <p>17. Rikuji Hashimoto
The Hashimoto Family
Fujie Nomiyama
Tomio Machida
Teruto Soma</p> <p>18. Kinjuro Sugimoto
The Sugimoto & Samoto Family
Take Kitagawa
The Kitagawa Family
Tameo Shintani
Kamejiro Uyeda
Hoichi Fujita
The Fujita Family
Mie Kashiwa
Fumiko Yamane
Nobuko Tsuruda</p> <p>19. Kichijuro Miyashige
The Goto & Miyashige Family
Seitoku Higa
The Weiss Family
The Sunagawa Family
Fusae Ippongi
Bryan Kenji Weiss</p> | <p>20. Shoichi Ishida
The Ishida & Aimoto Family
The Iwamoto's Baby
The Iwamoto Family
Kiyoko Isobe</p> <p>21. Kumanoshin
Yamamoto(2)
Yoshiko Nakahara (2)
Wanda Akemi Hamada</p> <p>22. Miyo Koyama
The Koyama Family
Keikichi Mishina
The Mishina Family
Kame Higa
The Higa Family
Ruth Yoshiko Medeiros
Tsuchitaro Iwamoto
Eleanor Haruko Nose
Shigeko Machida</p> <p>23. Kiyoshi Matsushita
The Matsushita Family
Yoshiaki Ono
The Ono & Yamada Family
Yoshio Uchiumi
Riichi Hirouji</p> <p>24. Ryuichi Hamada
The Hamada Family
The Sakaue Family
Shieto Saiki
Aya Asaumi
Noboru Sakauye</p> <p>25. Haruyo Yanagihara
Kamematsu Onohara
Mitsuru Harada</p> <p>26. The Nishimura's Baby</p> <p>27. Seiichi Tanaka
The Tanaka & Takahashi Family
Hakuyo Ebisuzaki (2)
Goro Shindo</p> <p>28. Kimi Morita
The Morita & Ashinaka Family
Dorothy Natsue Hayashi
The Hayashi Family</p> <p>29. Kiku Tanimura
The Tanimura Family
Ryosuke Yanagisawa
The Yanagisawa Family
Ushi Shimabukuro
Akio Shimabukuro
The Shimabukuro Family
Kiyo Yamachika
The Yamachika & Matsushige Family
Ishi Uyenoyama
Yuu Kunihisa
Yoshiwa Tarumoto
Chieko Yamamura</p> <p>30. Francis Kiyoshi Furutani
Charles Tanaka
Jean Miyoko Higaki
George Giichi Ohara
Tamayo Nakamura</p> |
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Obituaries

The Jodo Mission of Hawaii extends its sincere condolences to the family members and loved ones of the following members who have recently left this world for the Pure Land.

Clara Haruyo Noyama 92
Kiyoko Okahara 95

9:30am Morning Service Everyday
Note: Time may change due to
 COVID-19 Schedule

September 2021

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 10:00 Sunday Service;	6	7	8 Deadline for Chutoba Order	9	10	11
12 10:00 Virtual Higan Service 11:00 Board Mtg	13	14	15	16	17	18 8-11 am Virtual Kyoku Mtg
19 10 00: Sunday Service	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 10:00 Sunday Service	27	28	29	30		

Jodo Shu Calendar for September 2021: Through the Nenbutsu, we can connect with those who have passed away.

Events:

- Sept 8 Deadline: Autumn Chutoba Orders
- Sept 22 **Virtual** Autumn Higan Service (no attendance)
- Oct 17 Jodo Mission Bazaar ??
- Nov 14 O-Juya Service
- Dec 19 Mochitsuki ?

NO MEETINGS OR CLASSES in September for Fujinkai, YBA, Sewing Circle and Sunday School

Bazaar Donations will NOT BE accepted temporarily. Thank you for your understanding

Membership Dues (Gojikai) REMINDER: If you have not paid your membership dues (\$60) this year, please be sure to do so by making your check payable to **Jodo Mission of Hawaii** (mail to 1429 Makiki Street, Honolulu, HI 96814). *Thank you.*